

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~ameliorating a symptom of~~ treating an individual ~~with~~ a mood disorder, having ~~wherein said symptom is~~ at least one symptom selected from the group consisting of depressed mood, feelings of guilt, suicide, and retardation: psychomotor, each symptom being assessed according to the assessment method by the Hamilton scale, comprising

administering an effective amount of a composition comprising theanine to ~~a person~~ the individual in need thereof,

wherein said mood disorder is distinct from mood disorders associated with menstruation.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said composition is administered as a food or beverage.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said symptom of a mood disorder is depressed mood.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said symptom of a mood disorder is feelings of guilt.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said symptom of a mood disorder is suicide.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said symptom of a mood disorder is retardation: psychomotor.

12. (Cancelled)